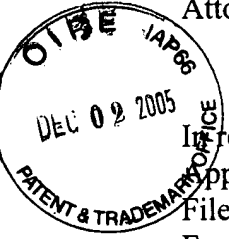


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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated May 31, 2005.

2. Applicant is a small entity; other than a small entity.

3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

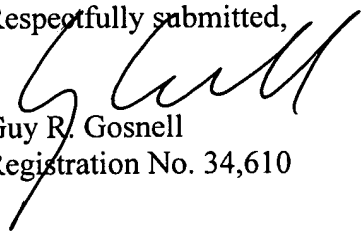
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

- A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

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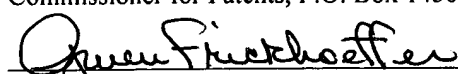
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